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DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. THE FINAL MEETING ON MARCH 20 BETWEEN THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM HEADED BY PHIL WISE AND THE FMG PLANNING COMMITTEE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR SANU RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON A SCHEDULE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HERE WHICH IS SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SLIGHT CHANGES IN DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN EVENTS MAY BE MADE LATER THIS WEEK ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRET SERVICE. TWO PARTS OF THE SCHEDULE WHICH MUST STILL BE CHECKED OUT ON THE NIGERIAN SIDE ARE NOTED BELOW IN PARENTHESES. THE NIGERIANS EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE FINAL AGREEMENT ON A PRECISE SCHEDULE BY SATURDAY, MARCH 25, SO THAT IT CAN BE PRINTED UP ON MONDAY, MARCH 27.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31:

10:05 PM AIRPORT ARRIVAL
10:25 PM DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT
10:55 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE
11:00 PM DEPARTURE OF GENERAL OBASANJO FROM STATE HOUSE

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1:

9:50 AM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
10:00 AM WELCOMING CEREMONY AT DODAN BARRACKS
10:30 AM CONCLUSION OF WELCOMING CEREMONY
10:45 AM BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS IN
DODAN BARRACKS

12:15 PM CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
12:20 PM DEPARTURE FROM DODAN BARRACKS
12:30 PM WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH, TAFAWA
BALEWA SQUARE
12:45 PM DEPARTURE FROM THE CENOTAPH
12:50 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE FOR PRIVATE LUNCH
3:00 PM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
3:20 PM
ARRIVAL AT THE NATIONAL THEATER
3:30 PM SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL THEATER
4:00 PM CONCLUSION OF THE SPEECH (SEE PARA 4 BELOW)
4:15 PM DEPARTURE FROM THE NATIONAL THEATER
4:35 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE
5:55 PM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
6:00 PM ARRIVAL AT TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE FOR CULTURAL SHOW
HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE
7:00 PM CONCLUSION OF CULTURAL SHOW
7:05 PM DEPARTURE FROM TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE
7:10 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE FOR PRIVATE DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

8:50 AM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
9:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE, PRESUMABLY AT THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
10:00 AM CONCLUSION OF CHURCH SERVICE
10:05 AM DEPARTURE FROM CHURCH
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10:15 AM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE
10:30 AM BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS
11:45 AM CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

PRIVATE LUNCH

2:30 PM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
2:45 PM DEPARTURE BY BOAT FOR HARBOR TOUR (THE FEASIBILITY
OF THIS BOAT TRIP IS BEING RE-CHECKED BY THE
COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. THE PRESIDENT
WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP BY
COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA AND
TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER COL. M. MAGORO.)
3:05 PM ARRIVAL AT TIN CAN ISLAND DOCKS
3:35 PM CONCLUSION OF TIN CAN ISLAND TOUR

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3:40 PM DEPARTURE FROM TIN CAN ISLAND BY ROAD
4:00 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE
6:50 PM RECEPTION FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS
7:20 PM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
7:25 PM ARRIVAL AT FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL
7:30 PM STATE DINNER
9:00 PM CONCLUSION OF STATE DINNER
9:05 PM SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE (THE NIGERIANS
HAVE REQUESTED THAT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ON
THE VISIT BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT NEAR THE END OF
HIS STAY. THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM SUGGESTED THAT
THIS BE DONE AT THE FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE END OF THE STATE DINNER. THE
NIGERIANS ARE CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THIS WILL BE
FEASIBLE.)
9:15 PM DEPARTURE FROM THE FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL
9:20 PM ARRIVAL AT STATE HOUSE

MONDAY, APRIL 3:

8:45 AM MEETING WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL
9:00 AM DEPARTURE FROM STATE HOUSE
9:30 AM ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT

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10:00 AM DEPARTURE OF AIR FORCE ONE

2. AT THE OUTSET OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING AMBASSADOR SANU
SAID THAT GENERAL OBASANJO SAS MOST ANXHOUS THATTHE PRESIDENT
FIND TIME SOMEWHERE IN HIS SCHEDLLE TO MEET WITH A SMALL GROUP

FROM THE NIGERIAN PRESS. HE SAID THAT THE PRESS WOULD FIND IT HIGHLY UNUSUAL, AND WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND, IT IT HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THIS VISIT HERE. THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM ACCEPTED THIS EVENT IN PRINCIPLE AND SAID THE ADVANCE PARTY WOULD LATER INFORM THE NIGERIANS OF THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OF IT ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE.

3. IT WAS AGREED BY BOTH SIDES THAT SOME CHANGE MIGHT NEED TO BE MADE IN THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE IF A MEETING DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAMS SHOULD TAKE PALCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON. IN THAT EVENT GENERAL OBASANJO MIGHT SUGGEST THAT HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER MEET FOR A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THAT MEETING.

4. THE FMG HAS REQUESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT STOP IN THE VIP LOUNGE FOR A FEW MOMENTS ON HIS WAY OUT OF THE NATIONAL THEATER. THIS WOULD ENABLE HIM VERY BRIEFLY TO GREET THE TOP MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE SPEECH, PRIMARILY THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND THE STATE GOVERNORS(A TOTAL OF SOME 50 PERSONS). THIS WOULD BE AN INFORMAL GATHERING. DRINKS WOULD BD IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SERVED BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE OBLIGED TO PARTAKE. NOR WOULD HE HAVE TO SHAKE EVERY HAND.
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